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SUBJECT: NMA - RANCHE III

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD NOTE TO GOS, TEXT GIVEN BELOW, AS REPLY TO NOTE VERBALE NO. 637, 12/20/73 AND NOTE VERBALE NO. 7, 1/8/74, CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF TRANCHE III NMA PROGRAM:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REFERS TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE VERBALE NO. 637 OF DECEMBER 20, 1973 AND NOTE VERBALE NO. 7 OF JANUARY 8, 1974, CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTERS TWO, THREE, FOUR AND FIVE OF THE AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SPAIN CONCLUDED ON AUGUST 6, 1970, AND THE ACCOMPANYING EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SPAIN.

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"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS

PLEASED TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT, DURING FISCAL YEAR 1974, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO FUND UP TO THREE MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) FOR

ACTIVITIES COVERED BY CHAPTERS TWO, THREE, FOUR AND FIVE OF THE AGREEMENT. THESE FUNDS WILL BE EXPENDED AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGREES WITH THE GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE \$3 MILLION; THAT IS, \$800,000 TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION AND \$2.2 MILLION TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AS OUTLINED IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE VERBALE NO. 637 OF DECEMBER 20, 1973 AND NOTE VERBALE NO. 7 OF JANUARY 5, 1974."
END TEXT

2. EMBASSY SHOULD OBTAIN RESPONSE FROM MFA THAT SUBSTANTIVE COMMITMENT CONTAINED IN NOTE IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOS.

3. PURPOSE THIS NOTE IS TO COMMIT FUNDS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM AID TO CU BEFORE FEBRUARY 28, 1974. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT EMBASSY'S NOTE AND GOS RESPONSE BE EXCHANGED PRIOR FEBRUARY 28. ADVISE DEPT AS SOON AS EXCHANGE OF NOTES HAS TAKEN PLACE. RUSH

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